

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Present for Roll Call: Erickson, Galbraith, Hrebec, Pietila, and Sullivan.

Absent: Carlson and Jenich-Laplander.

Guests: Kurt Erkkila, Ian Lewis and Jeff Twardzik.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers by President Sullivan at 6:00PM.

A motion was made by Hrebec and seconded by Erickson to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 5-0

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Pietila to approve the **minutes** of the December 19, 2023 meeting. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Hrebec and seconded by Galbraith to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$93,098.83 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$28,308.44. Carried 5-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The committee will meet with the manager and report the audit results at the February meeting.

Recreation/Parks: The mite tournament is this upcoming weekend. The Arena has been gone through and cleaned. There is a mildew issue in the locker rooms. Grants may be available for ventilation and metal ceilings that will likely remedy this in the future. An inspection/evaluation of what needs to be addressed in the arena should be done and prioritized for planning and grant writing. Changing from freon to sodium chloride needs to be done on the compressor. Board advertising and a summer inline hockey league were discussed.

Public Safety – Police: A new door was installed from the parking lot into the office.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The lack of snow in November & December should not have a major monetary effect on the funds provided it keeps snowing through February. There is an excess pickup truck, garbage truck and Zamboni that need to be sold or take parts and scrap. Procedures are being established for fleet maintenance.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The garbage ordinance was published and is in effect. There has not been much negative feedback on the increased garbage rates.

Beautification: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Manager Report

It looks promising that we will be getting additional FDCVT **grants** for a new fire equipment vehicle (\$270,000.00) and possibly for the state mandated water line pipe testing survey that needs to be done. The water company may also have leads on funding for this survey. The windows for the **village hall** will not be installed until spring. The service counter window in the clerk's office will be reinstalled. Additional renovation costs not covered by the FDCVT grant for the hall will need to be considered in the new budget.

Unfinished Business

The review and discussion of the **RRC documents** is tabled until the February meeting.

New Business

Jeff Twardzik from Qmoda was present to demonstrate and answer questions regarding his **fleet management software**. Information on all equipment, such as manuals, parts ordering and inventory, training videos and pictures, etc., can be accessed either on a computer or phone app. Reports and forms would also be available. This all-in-one software will be a game changer for the DPW operations. Set up time would be about a month and onsite information gathering could be done in 2-3 days. A proposal and other financial information will be available at the February meeting.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Hrebec to hold the **Budget Hearing** on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:00PM to review and approve the 2024-25 budgets. Carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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